

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Jeff Essmann, on March 10, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)
Rep. Bill Harris, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Debra Lamm (R)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Art Wittich (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jennifer Petersen, Committee Secretary
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 574, 2/25/2015; SB 94, 2/25/2015; SB 144, 2/25/2015; SB 168, 2/25/2015

00:00:03 Chair Essmann hands gavel to Rep. Hayman
00:01:29 Chair Hayman

HEARING ON SB 94

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:46 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 94, Revise laws related to the central stores warehouse.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:39 Steve Baiamonte, General Services Division Administrator, Department of Administration (DOA)
00:05:56 Chair Hayman

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:06:21 Sen. Buttrey
00:06:28 Chair Hayman

HEARING ON SB 144

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:06:56 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 144, Revise laws to consolidate procurement accounts.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:43 Steve Baiamonte, General Services Division Administrator, Department of Administration (DOA)
00:10:26 Chair Hayman

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:46 Rep. Lamm
00:11:05 Sen. Buttrey
00:11:26 Steve Baiamonte, DOA
00:11:38 Tami Gunlock, Office of Finance and Budget, Department of Administration (DOA)
00:12:09 Rep. Lamm
00:12:11 Tami Gunlock, DOA

00:12:29 Rep. Essmann
 00:12:51 Sen. Buttrey
 00:12:58 Rep. Essmann
 00:13:13 Sen. Buttrey
 00:13:16 *Rep. Wittich arrives*
 00:13:39 Rep. Essmann
 00:14:26 Steve Baiamonte, DOA
 00:15:20 Rep. Essmann
 00:15:30 Brad Sanders, Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Administration (DOA)
 00:16:00 Rep. Hayman

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:16 Sen. Buttrey
 00:16:47 Rep. Hayman

HEARING ON SB 168**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:17:23 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 168, Provide academic protections for students called to active duty.
 00:20:41 Chair Hayman

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:47 Brigadier General Bryan P. Fox, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)
 00:21:40 Chair Hayman
 00:21:46 Ron Muffick, Director of Student Affairs, Montana University System (MUS)
 00:22:31 Braden Fitzgerald, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)
 00:23:12 Jim Higgins, National Guard Associations of Montana (NGAM)
 00:25:48 Chair Hayman

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:26:27 Rep. Wittich
 00:26:55 Sen. Buttrey
 00:26:59 Rep. Wittich
 00:27:42 Sen. Buttrey
 00:27:47 Chair Hayman
 00:27:52 Rep. Funk
 00:28:12 Sen. Buttrey
 00:28:30 Rep. Karjala
 00:29:17 Sen. Buttrey
 00:29:45 Rep. Karjala
 00:29:55 Sen. Buttrey
 00:30:20 Rep. B. Bennett
 00:30:46 Sen. Buttrey

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:12 Sen. Buttrey
00:32:07 Chair Hayman
00:32:10 Sen. Buttrey
00:32:45 Chair Hayman

HEARING ON HB 574**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:33:04 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 574, Revise compensation definition and funding in police and fire retirement systems.
00:39:34 Chair Hayman

Proponents' Testimony:

00:39:43 Jerry Williams, Executive Director, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)
00:44:18 Doug Neil, Montana State Firemen's Association (MSFA)
00:52:01 Chair Hayman
00:52:12 Kurt Bushnell, retired firefighter, Bozeman
00:56:19 Chair Hayman
00:56:33 John Bedford, President, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)
01:01:33 Chair Hayman
01:01:43 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA)
01:05:50 Chair Hayman
01:05:55 Mark Murphy, Montana Police Protective Agency (MPPA)
01:07:37 Chair Hayman

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

01:08:00 Dore Schwinden, Executive Director, Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration (MPERA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:08:37 Rep. Garner
01:09:20 Rep. Essmann
01:09:45 Rep. Garner
01:10:05 Rep. Essmann
01:10:26 Rep. Wittich
01:11:33 Rep. Essmann
01:13:09 Rep. Wittich
01:15:24 Rep. Essmann
01:16:33 Rep. Wittich
01:17:40 Rep. Essmann
01:18:45 Rep. Harris
01:19:32 Rep. Essmann
01:22:25 Rep. Karjala
01:23:20 Dore Schwinden, MPERA
01:23:43 Rep. Karjala

01:24:03 Dore Schwinden, MPERA
01:24:36 Rep. Wittich
01:25:17 Dore Schwinden, MPERA
01:26:07 Rep. Wittich
01:26:55 Dore Schwinden, MPERA
01:27:05 Rep. Hayman

Closing by Sponsor:

01:27:16 Rep. Essmann
01:27:55 Chair Hayman

01:28:15 Rep. Essmann
01:28:34 Chair Hayman

ADJOURNMENT

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Jennifer Petersen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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